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# AMENDING PUBLIC LAW 96-432 RELATING TO THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL GROUNDS

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Mr. MATHIAS, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, submitted the following

## REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 6417]

The Committee on Rules and Administration to which was referred the bill (H.R. 6417) to amend Public Law 96-432 relating to the United States Capitol Grounds, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

### PURPOSE OF THE BILL

Pursuant to Public Law 96-432, approved December 10, 1980, a number of additional areas and portion of streets were included within the definition of the U.S. Capitol Grounds.

Inadvertently, the sidewalks and contiguous land on the west side of First Street between Pennsylvania Avenue SW., and Maryland Avenue SW., and flanking the Reflecting Pool along Pennsylvania Avenue NW., and Maryland Avenue SW., between First and Third Streets West, were omitted from Public Law 96-432.

This created a situation in which the National Park Service has jurisdiction over the area within the interior sidewalk lines near the Reflecting Pool (including the Reflecting Pool), the Architect of the Capitol has jurisdiction of the roadways up to the curb line, and the District of Columbia retains jurisdiction over the sidewalks themselves and the contiguous strip of land adjacent to the Reflecting Pool.

This bill would give the Architect of the Capitol jurisdiction over these sidewalks and areas; it would help avoid confusion as to the intended definition of the Capitol Grounds.

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EFFECTS OF THE BILL

By adding these sidewalks and contiguous areas to the United States Capitol Grounds, H.R. 6417 would have the further effect of subjecting them to all of the prohibitions contained in sections 193a through m of Title 40 U.S.C. This would immediately impact upon the vendors currently operating on these sidewalks which are now under District of Columbia jurisdiction. Pursuant to 40 U.S.C. 193d, these vendors would be forbidden to ". . . offer or expose any article for sale . . ." after the effective date of H.R. 6417. Although H.R. 6417 does not provide for a specific transition period to permit the vendors to relocate elsewhere, it is the sense of the Committee, based upon the recommendation of the Architect of the Capitol, that enforcement of the prohibition against sale of articles on United States Capitol Grounds should be suspended with respect to the affected areas and vendors until December 31, 1982.

COST ESTIMATE

In accordance with section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Congressional Budget Office supplied the House Committee on Public Works and Transportation with a cost estimate to accompany H.R. 6417, which estimate is as follows:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
*Washington, D.C., June 14, 1982.*

Hon. JAMES J. HOWARD,
*Chairman, House Committee on Public Works and Transportation, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to Section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Congressional Budget Office has reviewed H.R. 6417, a bill to amend Public Law 96–432 relating to the United States Capitol Grounds, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Public Works and Transportation, June 9, 1982. This bill amends Public Law 96–432 to include the sidewalks and contiguous areas surrounding the reflecting pool located to the west of the Capitol within the definition of the United States Capitol Grounds. The property affected is currently under the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia.

Based on this review, it is expected that no significant additional cost to the government would be incurred as a result of the enactment of this bill.

Sincerely,

ALICE M. RIVLIN, *Director.*

REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

In accordance with paragraph 11(b) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee on Rules and Administration does not consider that enactment of H.R. 6417 would have any regulatory impact.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In accordance with paragraph 12 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, changes in existing law made by the bill H.R. 6417,

as reported, are shown as follows (law proposed is printed in italic, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

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Section 1. * * *.

*All sidewalks and contiguous areas presently under the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia located on the south side of Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest, between the west curb of First Street, Northwest and the east curb of Third Street, Northwest.*

*All sidewalks and contiguous areas presently under the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia located on the north side of Maryland Avenue, Southwest, between the west curb of First Street, Southwest and the east curb of Third Street, Southwest.*

*All sidewalks and contiguous areas presently under the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia located on the west side of First Street between the south curb of Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest and the north curb of Maryland Avenue, Southwest.*

*All sidewalks and contiguous areas presently under the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia located on the east side of Third Street between the south curb of Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest and the north curb of Maryland Avenue, Southwest.*

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